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Maintenance Fee Payment for US-Patent No. 6,177,021 Payor Number: 000903 – Deposit Account Number 05-1403

Dear Sirs.

We arranged payment of maintenance fee for patent no. 6,177,021 on July 23, 2012 – see enclosed Maintenance Fee Statement.

According to the US-patent register status for the above mentioned patent is currently small and, thus, our deposit account no. 05-1403 was charged with maintenance fee for a Small-Entity patent only.

However, our client informed us that patent owner is no longer qualified as a small business concern or individual or non-profit organization. Attached please find a copy of our client's request for change of entity status.

The English translation of the email is:

Dear Mr.s Prell-Bscheid.

as mentioned in our letter dated April 16, 2012, we kindly ask you to pay 12th annuity for US Patent No. 6177021 with the internal file 2784 which is due on July 23, 2012. The Small Entity status has to be changed to Large Entity. Kindly take necessary steps to arrange the correction.

Reminder letter is attached.

I wish you and your staff a nice and sunny weekend

Best regards

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Thus, maintenance fee for a large entity case should be paid.

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Phone: -39 02 864300 Fax: +39 02 86998558 Email: epas@prof.lt Therefore, we kindly ask you to charge our deposit account no. 05-1403 with the deficiency of US\$ 2.365,00 and to cancel the Small-Entity-Status for patent no. 6,177021.

We thank you in advance and remain

Sincerely yours,

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Christine Prell-Bscheid

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Sehr geehrte Frau Prell-Bscheid.

wie in unserer Nachricht vom 16.04.2012 mitgeteilt, bitten wir Sie nun die Zahlung der 12. Jahresgebühr, für unser US-Patent 6177021 mit dem Anmelder Aktenzeichen: 2784 mit Fälligkeit 23.Juli 2012 zu tätigen. Der Status von Small Entity muss auf Large Entity wechseln. Wir bitten sie die nötigen Schritte zu veranlassen.

Zur Erinnerung habe ich Ihnen unsere Nachricht als Anhang beigefügt.

Ich wünsche Ihnen und Ihrem Team ein schönes, sonniges Pfingstwochenende.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen / Best regards Katja Duderstadt New Technologies Department Assistant BMA Braunschweigische Maschinenbauanstalt AG Am Alten Bahnhof 5 38122 BRAUNSCHWEIG DEUTSCHLAND / GERMANY

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The payment shown below is subject to actual collection. If the payment is refused or charged back by a financial institution, the payment will be void and the maintenance fee and any necessary surcharge unpaid.

Direct any questions about this statement to: Mail Stop M Correspondence, Director of the USPTO, P.O.Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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